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## WIND BOTHERED FISHING FLEET

LOCAL RECEIPTS OF FISH SINCE  
FRIDAY HAVE BEEN  
VERY LIGHT

Catches by the local fishing fleet since Friday have been light, owing to the high winds off-shore. Only a few boats have arrived with fish, these having already been out, and returning to escape the blow.

Saturday, only two gill netters operated, landing 4500 pounds between them. Yesterday's arrivals were confined to small draggers, none of them running over 3500 pounds to the trip. All of the vessels operating out of here at present are out today, and the morning should find a fair amount of groundfish on hand.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Nova Antonio, trawling, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Angie and Vence, dragging, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Carlo and Vence, dragging, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Little Joe, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

St. Providence, dragging, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Corinthian, via Boston.

Funchal, via Boston.

Hope Leslie, dragging, (returned).

Edna Fae, gill netting, (Saturday) 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Enterprise, gill netting, (Saturday) 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed

Virginia and Mary, dragging.

Mary M., dragging.

St. Rosalie, dragging.

Bethulia, dragging.

St. Peter, dragging.

Marie and Winifred, dragging.

Paolina, dragging.

Famiglia, dragging.

Little Joe, dragging.

Carlo and Vence, dragging.

St. Providence, dragging.

Antonio, dragging.

Alphonso, dragging.

Rose Marie, dragging.

Rosie C., dragging.

Nephtys, trawling.

Sally Joseph, trawling.

Jupiter, trawling.

Gwendolyn, trawling.

### Developed Engine Trouble

The local dragger Hope Leslie, which sailed from here Saturday on her first trip dragging this season, was forced to return late that evening, engine trouble having developed when she was well off-shore.

### Portland Notes.

Due to the high winds along the Maine coast, the fleet of Portland fishing craft have been tied up at their berth for the past three days, but plan to sail for the grounds this morning.

## SEVENTEEN AT THE FISH PIER

RECEIPTS OF 63,000 POUNDS THIS  
MORNING — HADDOCK  
AT \$5.

Business was carried on as usual at the fish pier yesterday and 27 vessels brought in 550,000 pounds of groundfish and 255,000 pounds of mixed fish. Despite the holiday, because of the fact that Monday is one of the busiest days of the week and in an effort to cut down the idle time, all of the stores were open.

This morning, 17 vessels were on the list, including the Lark and Gossoon, which held over from yesterday. Total receipts were 501,000 pounds of groundfish and 235,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold at \$5; large cod, \$3.50; and markets, \$2.50 to \$3. There were quite a few codfish in the receipts.

A carload of smelts, consisting of 2142 boxes, was included in the rail shipments received yesterday. A shipment of 141 boxes of halibut also arrived from Prince Rupert, B. C.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail.

Str. Flow, 11,000 haddock, 62,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Patrick J. O'Hara, 2500 haddock, 9000 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.

Str. Brant, 35,000 haddock, 105,000 cod, 28,000 mixed fish.

Str. Trimount, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7200 mixed fish.

Str. Cornell, 24,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.

Reliance, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 200 pollock.

Ethel B. Penny, 2500 haddock, 4500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Alpar, 7500 haddock, 2000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.

Lark, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Gossoon, 30,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.

Grand Marshal, 30,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 500 hake.

Anna Guarino, 5000 mixed fish.

Lawrence Scolia, 4500 mixed fish.

Maria D. S., 2500 mixed fish.

Annie, 2500 mixed fish.

Bessie, 2400 mixed fish.

Frances, 6400 mixed fish.

### Yesterday's Arrivals.

Str. Fabia, 45,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.

Str. Illinois, 40,000 haddock, 6500

haddock, \$5 per cwt., large cod,

\$3.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake,

\$2.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.70;

cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; black backs, 6

cents per lb.; yellow tails, 4 cents;

dabs, 2 cents; catfish, 2 cents.

Prices are for today's market.

### N. F. Codfish News.

The Porto Rico market of late has been very bad, but it is now improving. Reports from abroad state that West India markets generally are generally overstocked. Considerable European fish are still going into Cuba and Trinidad and Newfoundland is continuing to overstock Jamaica and Barbados, but the prospect in all these markets is that prices will strengthen shortly. It is believed that most of the depression in the fish markets has passed, and that a very gradual improvement will be seen in prices. Iceland has been a tremendous factor in world supplies of dried fish in recent years, but not at a profit. Her trawler fleets are said to be bankrupt, and the expectation is that those of the number which continue operations in the future will have to charge such prices for their catch as will leave a chance for fair profits on the part of other competitors. There is nothing new to report in local conditions.

### N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

The chief item of local interest in the dried fish market since our last issue, is that practically all the Lunenburg cargoes of summer fish have gone into second hands, the price being \$3.50 per quintal for large, and \$2.50 per quintal for small, delivered Lunenburg, say the Halifax Maritime Merchant. The total quantity purchased was approximately 50,000 quintals. The estimated loss on these fish to the producer, taking into account a reasonable depreciation on vessels, would be not far short of \$100,000.

The present talk in Lunenburg, we hear, is that very few vessels will be engaged in the dried fish industry next season, but of course it is too soon to positively say this. The feeling in Halifax seems to be that the fleet of 26 this year, may be down to 10 or 12 next year. Much will depend upon what happens in the fresh fish business. About seven of the Lunenburg fleet are now engaged in fresh fishing, and next Spring they will have to decide whether fresh fishing or salt fishing is likely to be the more profitable for them during the summer months. Lunenburg vessels are selling their catch at a lower price than the trawler can produce them. The effect of this may be to drive the trawlers out of business, but then comes the question of being sure of supplies in bad weather periods; the trawlers in such times are necessary. We shall have to wait until Spring to see what happens.

There is nothing very startling in foreign dried fish markets to relate. The Italian market shows a marked improvement. The demand recently has been excellent, and present prospects are that stocks of shore fish held in Naples, will be cleaned up before the end of the present year. Prices have advanced, and a further advance is expected. Naples prices during the fall months have been below the cost of production, and a considerable advance will be needed to provide a profit to exporting countries. The North Brazil market is strong. Large importers there have made heavy purchases ahead covering shipments from now until April. Arrangements were made to pay for a portion of these purchases in New York funds. The Newfoundland exporter has been making a reasonable profit on North Brazil business of late, but of course, his supplies were purchased at a very low price from the Newfoundland fishermen. The feeding here is that the North Brazil market will continue to improve. The South Brazil market is still demoralized.

It is thought Newfoundland will very shortly have cleaned up her holdings of inferior grade fish, so when that happens we may look for an improvement in Porto Rico. Cuba is buying very little dried fish from us these days, the quantity taken during the present year not being much over a tenth of her normal purchases. Jamaica and Barbados markets are still being flooded by steamer supplies direct from Newfoundland.

It would appear that stocks of dried fish in all exporting countries are gradually being cleaned up, and that an advance in prices should take place in the not too distant future. Local exporters in the meantime are not endeavoring to push foreign sales, believing they will be able to get higher prices later on.

### FAILS TO ACT ON

#### LOBSTER REGULATION BILL

The Senate failed to act yesterday on the proposal of Senator White, Republican, Maine, to regulate interstate transportation of lobsters. The measure designed to stop shipment into New England of Canadian lobsters smaller than those permitted by American laws, was on the calendar but objections prevented its immediate consideration.



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## RESCUE N. F. CREW OF SIX AT SEA

A tale of how their vessel, the Newfoundland schooner Frank J. Baxter was tossed about the gale-swept Atlantic for six days, and how the crew were rescued as their vessel was slowly going from under them, was related by Mate Thomas Hayward, who, with Capt. John Murphy and four other members of the crew of the ill-fated craft arrived at Halifax, on the Furness Red Cross liner Silvia, en route to their homes in Newfoundland.

In addition to the skipper and his mate, the other members of the crew are Lewis Upshall, cook; John Walsh, Patrick Whelan and Thomas Mulrooney, seamen. All belong to Harbor Buffet.

### Lost Sails.

The Frank J. Baxter was 40 days out from Cadiz, Spain, with a cargo of salt for Newfoundland, sailing from the former port on November 2, 1932, Hayward said. Rough weather was encountered and when the craft was 300 miles off Cape Race, a succession of heavy gales resulted in the loss of the vessel's sails. For six days the little 99 tons vessel drifted helplessly on the Atlantic and finally sprung a leak. Pumps were manned but to little effect. Fifty tons of salt had been lost from the Baxter and she was slowly going down when the freighter Clan Alpine hove into sight. Boats were launched from the distressed vessel and with scant belongings the crew of six made their way to the rescue steamer. The schooner was set afire.

The Frank J. Baxter was owned by Alberta Wareham, of Harbor Buffet.

## MAY SAIL FOR ANOTHER CARGO

Having discharged her cargo of salt herring at the Frank C. Pearce Company's wharf, sch. Pilgrim has docked at the Maritime wharf awaiting orders to sail to Bay of Islands for another cargo of herring. Today, Capt. Ben Pine sent a telegram to Newfoundland seeking information as to the supply of herring, and upon the answer depends whether or not the Pilgrim will sail for another cargo.

## N. S. Fish Notes

Lobsters are selling in Shag Harbor at 12 cents. The daily catches seem to be diminishing, the average catch would not be over 65 pounds, and the men are taking up their inside traps and moving others to what will be their next spring's fishing grounds. This has been a rather remarkable season for the winter fishing, as there have been no gales, nor heavy sea that would tend to destroy traps. There has been a fair catch of lobsters, but there is one strange thing happening, where, in former years, in the winter season, when the lobsters grew scarce, the price increased. But conditions seem to be reversed at present, as prices have dropped.

Capt. J. W. Harrison, Marine Superintendent for Canada and Newfoundland, of Furness and associated lines, retired at Halifax Sunday after 45 years continuously with the company. He began his sea career as an apprentice at the age of 14 in England.

Between 75,000 and 80,000 pounds of mixed fish were landed from the National Fish Company's trawler Venosta, Captain Tidman, which came into Halifax Saturday from the fishing banks.

## LOCAL RECEIPTS ARE FAIR TODAY

### TRAWLERS AND DRAGGERS LANDED 24,000 POUNDS OF MIXED FISH.

Thirteen arrivals of druggers and trawlers furnished local dealers with approximately 24,000 pounds of mixed fish yesterday afternoon and this morning, just about enough to fill what orders were on hand. Eight arrivals from trawling, with a combined catch of 10,600 pounds were taken by Hall & Murray for filleting, two druggers by the Producers Fish Company, one dragger and a trawler by Murray & Tarr and two fares by William McDonald. Seven gill netters fished yesterday, but their hauls were poor, the total receipts from the seven amounting to 12,500 pounds.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Roma II., 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Florence and John, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
St. Rosalie, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
C5459, trawling, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Gilbert, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Helen L., trawling, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sloop Lillian, trawling, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.  
C2126, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.  
Nephtys, trawling, 2900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Beauty of Provincetown, trawling, 300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sally Joseph, trawling, 900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Ardella, trawling, 200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Small trawlers, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Antonina, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Joanna, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Agnes and Myrnie, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Virginia and Joan, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Alicia, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Hope Leslie, dragging.  
Punchal, trawling.  
A. Platt Andrew, trawling.

### Receipts were divided as follows:

1932—842,900 pounds of haddock;  
370,700 pounds of large cod; 463,400 pounds of market cod; 914,300 pounds of mixed fish.

1931—660,500 pounds of haddock;  
177,900 pounds of large cod; 214,800 pounds of market cod and 985,050 pounds of mixed fish.

Total receipts for 1932 from January 1 to December 29 were 189,234,715 pounds of fresh fish. There were 5219 arrivals. In the same period of 1931, there were 4994 arrivals and receipts of 206,043,840 pounds.

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## TWENTY-EIGHT ON HAND AT BOSTON

### OVER 600,000 POUNDS OF FRESH FISH BROUGHT IN—MARKET STEADY.

Twenty-eight vessels tied up at the Boston fish pier when trading was resumed this morning. They brought 333,000 pounds of groundfish and 290,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market remained steady with prices at about the same levels as yesterday.

By rail yesterday afternoon a carload of oysters was received from Baltimore and a carload of smelts from Canada and 121 boxes of salmon and halibut from the west coast.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Hekla, 24,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 38,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Maine, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 31,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Georgetown, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.  
Str. Coot, 27,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Dorchester, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Spray, 45,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Breeze, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 45,000 mixed fish.  
Frances C. Denehey, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.  
Gertrude Parker, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.  
Geraldine and Phyllis, 14,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Mary A., 600 haddock, 2200 cod, 3600 mixed fish.  
Joffre, 22,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 21,000 mixed fish.  
Rosie, 5200 mixed fish.  
Sebastiano and Figli, 5000 mixed fish.  
Leonardo, 1600 mixed fish.  
Annie and Josie, 1700 mixed fish.  
Roma, 6800 mixed fish.  
Antonina, 1800 mixed fish.  
Kid Roberts, 2000 mixed fish.  
St. Michael Angelo, 2000 mixed fish.  
Catherine C., 2600 mixed fish.  
Mamie, 3200 mixed fish.  
St. Mary, 3500 mixed fish.  
Maria Guiseppi, 3500 mixed fish.  
Four Sisters, 2500 mixed fish.  
Francesca, 3300 mixed fish.  
Anna Madre, 3100 mixed fish.  
Mary and Grace, 3000 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2.50; gray sole, 6 cents per lb; lemon sole, 8 cents; black backs, 5 cents; yellow

is of more importance to this country than many of the internal problems at present confronting the government. Fish is the currency of the country and if our interests in foreign markets are to be jeopardized by indifference and neglect, we but prove ourselves to be lacking in ordinary commercial intelligence, and unfit to reap the harvest of the sea which is ours by the grace of God, and not by any constructive effort of our own. That which is freely given unto us we accept gracefully, but it cannot be said that we excel in that constructive ability which is necessary to further our interests to the fullest possible extent.

Our fishermen are good fishermen, and our fish are of excellent quality when caught. We have, however, failed to market our fish in the most modern manner. Standardization and control of shipments are both necessary. If we are unable to carry out such regulations efficiently the decline of our fishery is but a matter of time.—St. John's Herald and Trade Review.

### Portland Notes.

Practically all of the Portland fleet sailed yesterday after having been weather-bound in port for three days. No arrivals were reported yesterday, but several of the boats are expected back in port this afternoon.